

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Unemployment in Non-technical Trade
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the increasing unemployment in non-technical trades in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken by the Government to remove unemployment;
- (c) whether the Government contemplates to increase the employment opportunities by starting different new skill development and technical courses in the coming years; and
- (d) if so, the details of the proposals prepared in this regard?

Answer

(a) to (d) There are many socio economic factors like structural changes, economic growth, demand variance etc responsible for unemployment in both technical and non technical trades/sectors. However, one of the key attributes to this is skill gap due to advances/changes in the industry. To address this issue, the existing workforce needs to be upskilled/reskilled as per industry skill requirements. The Government has set up 40 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) covering both technical and non technical sectors (retail, IT-ITeS, security, life sciences, logistics etc) to address sector specific skill needs of the industry. SSCs assess skill needs of various job roles in a particular sector in consultation with industry and develop job specific standards called Qualification Packs – National Occupational Standards (QP-NOS) for training. These QP-NOS are compliant to National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) and are aligned to standards set by industry to make training relevant to the industry needs. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) which is the largest skill development scheme of the Government targeting to train one crore youths in four years. The training under PMKVY is based on the standards developed by SSCs in consultation with industry. At present, PMKVY is imparting skill training in over 221 trades in 40 sectors across the country. This scheme while catering to skilled manpower demand for industry also offers opportunity to existing workforce for RPL, reskilling and upskilling as well as cross sector mobility by getting training in jobs and sectors with higher manpower demand. As on 2.2.2017, 20.69 lakh persons have been trained under PMKVY.